

Fast Facts

Interlibrary Loan Traffic

July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006

Number of libraries were sent the questionnaire.....3972*
Number of libraries that returned the questionnaire.....1,204*

Percent of libraries which request materials through interlibrary loan... 78.0% (N=1,428*)
Percent of libraries which lend materials through interlibrary loan.....64.0% (N=1,428*)

Number of interlibrary loan items requested by the libraries.....2,436,740
Number of interlibrary loan items actually received..... 2,238,849 (91.9%)

Percent In State.....35.2%
Percent Out of State.....1.6%
Can't Separate..... 63.2%

Percent Returnables.....80.4%
Percent Non-returnables.....5.2%
Can't Separate..... 14.4%

Number of interlibrary loan items requested from the libraries.....2,620,478
Number of interlibrary loan items actually supplied.....2,179,489 (83.2%)

Percent In State.....64.1%
Percent Out of State.....1.9%
Can't Separate..... 34.0%

Percent Returnables.....81.9%
Percent Non-returnables.....4.3%
Can't Separate..... 13.8%

Average proportion of interlibrary loans by method of request and delivery:

	Method of Request		Method of Delivery	
	Borrowing	Lending	Borrowing	Lending
Ariel	0.3%	0.0%	2.6%	2.4%
E-Mail	3.6%	4.4%	3.6%	4.5%
Fax	17.6%	25.3%	4.2%	6.5%
ISHARE (Illinet Online)	11.3%	5.1%	5.2%	3.4%
LLSAP	29.6%	25.3%	24.5%	24.5%
Library System Office	8.6%	3.0%	28.3%	23.7%
OCLC ILLIAD	2.7%	4.3%	0.7%	0.9%
OCLC ILL Subsystem	15.7%	23.0%	4.7%	6.5%
Telephone	3.2%	3.6%	0.3%	0.6%
U.S. Mail	0.5%	0.4%	5.7%	9.3%
Other Consortia Groups	4.2%	3.1%	6.2%	4.1%
Other	2.9%	2.5%	14.2%	13.8%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total Number of Libraries	498	371	407	325

*This number represents individual school, public, and special libraries in addition to school districts. Of the libraries surveyed 1,204 respondents returned the questionnaire for 1,438 libraries. Many of the libraries that returned the Interlibrary Loan Traffic Survey responded for more than one library. Therefore, in order to get an accurate base number, we are counting each individual library as one respondent.